

Company and Battalion Mortars Program



DESCRIPTION

Company and Battalion Mortars Program provides responsive, all-weather, organic, indirect fire support to commanders in Marine infantry battalions in support of offensive and defensive operations and maneuver on the battlefield. Presently, the company mortar role is filled by the M224 60mm mortar, and the battalion role is filled by the M252 81mm mortar. The Company and Battalion Mortars Program initiative is necessary to retain an organic indirect fire capability at the battalion and

company level, while seeking to improve weight, range, lethality, durability, and fire control capabilities. Currently fielded systems are being maintained through subassembly procurements until the new improved systems begin fielding in FY08.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

The Company and Battalion Mortars Program will provide responsive, all-weather, 24-hour indirect fires for maneuver units.

PROGRAM STATUS

The Company and Battalion Mortars program is currently in the System Development and Demonstration phase, with MS C expected in 4th Qtr FY07.

Procurement Profile:

Quantity: N/A

Developer/Manufacturer:

- Present systems (M224 and M252) produced by Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, NY.
- Manufacturer of replacement systems to be determined.